



CHAPTER ONE

THE COLLECTION

KING GRAYSKULL

Heroic Ancestor of He-Man

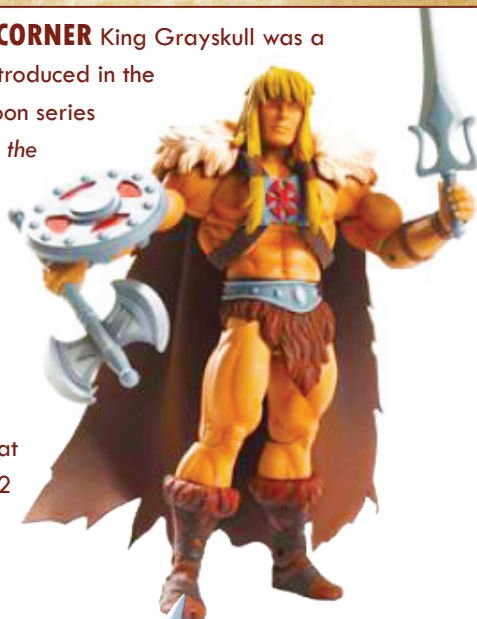


REAL NAME D'Vann Grayskull **BIO** Long before Prince Adam used the Sword of Power to become He-Man, his ancestor King Grayskull defended Eternia from evil. Heroically mastering the secret power of his sword, King Grayskull fought side-by-side with the cosmic warrior He-Ro against both the evil Hordak and the ruthless King Hssss. Although Grayskull was eventually felled by Hordak's magic, he was able to preserve his powers inside his sword, so that one day his descendants could reclaim his power and call upon his name whenever evil threatened the peace of Eternia. To this day, King Grayskull's spirit remains hidden away deep inside the castle which will forever bear his name.



CARTOON CORNER King Grayskull was a character introduced in the reboot cartoon series *He-Man and the Masters*

of the Universe created by Mike Young Productions in 2002, first appearing in the season two episode "The Power of Grayskull," which featured a story told primarily in flashback. Almost none of the characters that were newly created for the 2002 series, including King Grayskull, received an action figure in the 2002 toylines.



WELL ARMED

King Grayskull came packaged with the Sword of Power, a shield, and a battle axe, all inspired by the weapons that came with the vintage He-Man action figure. The molds for all three of these weapons would be re-used several times throughout the MOTUC line, with the mold for the Sword of Power being released dozens of times in multiple colors.

ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #001 • AFFILIATION Preternian Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$40
ORIGINAL RELEASE San Diego Comic-Con (July 24-27, 2008) • **RELEASE TYPE** Boxed Figure



A GOOD CAUSE Thirty-one copies of a translucent blue King Grayskull were made. Dubbed “The Spirit of King Grayskull,” one figure was raffled off at SDCC 2008, while the second was auctioned for charity at the 2008 Dream Halloween event. The remaining 29 were given to Mattel employees and toy sculptors the Four Horsemen, making it one of the rarest figures in the entire line. A new “Spirit of King Grayskull” figure, this time molded in green glow-in-the-dark plastic, would later be released for general sale as part of the MOTUC line in 2015.

CHASE ME! In addition to the regular version of King Grayskull, a limited-edition “bronze” version (essentially King Grayskull as a statue) was released as a limited “chase” figure at San Diego Comic-Con. Since the figure came in a closed box, buyers did not know if they had received the chase figure until they opened it. An official bio for this version of the figure (below) was revealed on He-Man.org in September of 2019.



“MASTERS MONDAYS” In early 2019, He-Man.org announced that Mattel had approved a series of previously-unreleased, official MOTUC bios. Each bio, revealed on subsequent Mondays, would cover past releases in the line, including characters, beasts, vehicles, artifacts, and weapons that had not originally been given a bio, like Bronze King Grayskull below.



BRONZE KING GRAYSKULL

Enchanted Heroic Avatar of Grayskull

Following the death of King Grayskull, his allies forged a bronze statue in his honor and raised it in what became the Preternia Chamber of Castle Grayskull. Thousands of years later, in the early days of the Reawakening, many dead heroes and villains of Eternia returned in various states, many neither alive nor dead but in a mindless trance. To help stabilize the spell and give agency back to their fallen comrades, He-Man, Teela, and Dare made an uneasy alliance with a resurgent Keldor to help the Elders and the

Overlords combine the castle with the Temple of Power, fusing them into one cosmic fortress. Upon entering the restored castle, Keldor betrayed He-Man by enchanting the giant bronze statue and turning its might against him. Yet as the powers of the universe coursed through the castle’s walls, the spirit of King Grayskull, conjured by the Reawakening, temporarily inhabited the statue and turned on Keldor and his allies. Together, in a massive clash of cosmic might, the statue and He-Man defeated evil once again.

TRIVIA

Originally, toy sculptors the Four Horsemen had envisioned continuing the Masters of the Universe action figure line that had ended at retail in 2004, beginning with a King Grayskull figure built upon the existing Ice Armor He-Man figure. Rethinking this approach, they presented Mattel with the idea of starting an all-new line of MOTU figures with a chunkier build similar to the vintage 1980s toylines, a larger scale, and more articulation. The first figure, King Grayskull, was released as an exclusive at San Diego Comic-Con in August 2008, and thus the newest — and arguably most expansive — MOTU toylines was born.



King Grayskull’s design was actually an early proposal for the new look of He-Man himself for the 2002 Masters of the Universe re-launch.

As King Grayskull was the first figure of the line, many of his parts would become the standard male body parts for future figures, and his accessories would reappear many times with other figures throughout the line.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?!

The figure came in an elaborate box which could be unfolded to create a simple cardboard diorama of Castle Grayskull, with the

figure packaged behind the jawbridge which, when opened, triggered a strobe light to simulate lightning and a sound recording of the famous catchphrase, “I have the power!” This sound recording was taken from the Battle Sound He-Man figure released in the 200x toylines, but was slowed down in order to make the voice deeper.

HE-MAN

Most Powerful Man in the Universe



REAL NAME Prince Adam of the House of Randor **BIO** A direct descendent of the legendary King Grayskull, Prince Adam of Eternia was chosen to protect his ancient ancestor's Sword of Power from evil. Initially utilizing a techno-vest with a built-in force field to fight evil, Adam later learned to combine the two halves of the Sword of Power, using it to channel the energy of the Elders to become He-Man — the most powerful man in the universe! Today he guards the safety of all Eternia alongside the other heroic Masters of the Universe.



VINTAGE VAULT The MOTUC version of He-Man was of course largely based on the vintage He-Man action figure, which was released as part of the original toyline's first wave in 1982. Noteworthy differences included the brown boots and loincloth, the maroon detailing on the belt, and the painted bracers (where the vintage version's were flesh-toned).

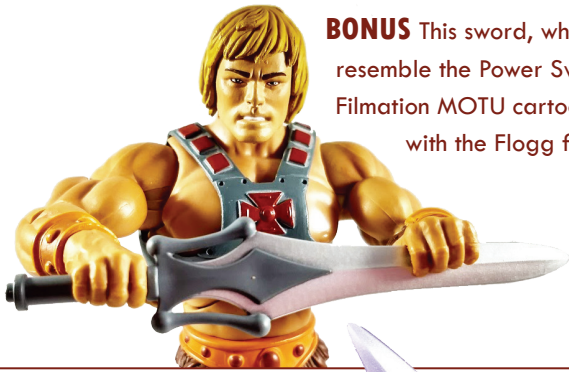
WELL ARMED Like his vintage action figure predecessor, MOTUC He-Man came armed with a battle axe, shield, and half Sword of Power. The half sword allowed collectors to re-create the classic storyline of uniting the two halves of the Sword of Power in order to gain entry into Castle Grayskull. (The other half of the sword was included with Skeletor.) He-Man also came with a full version of the sword, an item that his vintage predecessor lacked.



ACCESSORIES



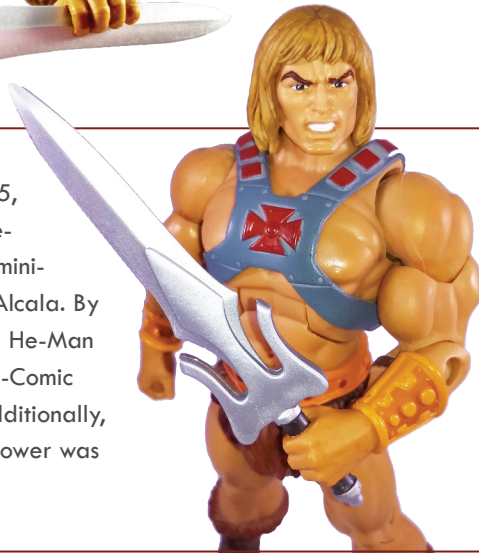
MOTUC #002 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (December 1, 2008) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



BONUS This sword, which was sculpted to resemble the Power Sword's design in the Filmation MOTU cartoon series, was included with the Flogg figure in 2014.

A HEAD OF THE REST

The Oo-Larr figure, released in 2015, bore a head sculpt based on He-Man's appearance in the early mini-comics drawn by artist Alfredo Alcala. By placing this head on the original He-Man figure, fans could create a "Mini-Comic He-Man" figure of their own. Additionally, this Alcala-designed Sword of Power was released with He-Ro II in 2015.



HEADS UP By giving He-Man the head from Snake Armor He-Man and the 200x-designed Sword of Power first released with Man-At-Arms, fans could create a fairly close facsimile of the 2002 He-Man redesign in figure form.



HEADS WILL ROLL The Oo-Larr figure came packaged with an alternate head for He-Man which more closely resembled the design of his vintage action figure.



ALTERNATE VIEWS He-Man utilized the standard male torso, shoulders, biceps, bracers, hands, legs, and boots. Only He-Man's head and furry loincloth (which would become the standard male loincloth for the line) were new.

TRIVIA

The original release of this figure featured a red paint wash around the eyes that was removed on subsequent re-releases.



Additionally, the original figure was released with inadvertently reversed shoulders, an error that was corrected on future editions of the figure.

Mattel originally planned to release He-Man in a 2-pack with Beast Man.

Official bios for the Sword of Power and the First Half of the Sword of Power can be found on pages 593 and 596, respectively.

He-Man's head sculpt would be re-used for Faker, Wun-Dar, Prince Adam, and Anti-Eternia He-Man.

An "Ultimate Edition" He-Man figure was later released in 2017 (see page 474).

Pictured on He-Man's cardback were King Grayskull, Skeletor, Mer-Man, Beast Man, and Stratos.



BEAST MAN

Savage Henchman



REAL NAME Raquill Rqazz **BIO** After being banished from his home in the Vine Jungle, the Beast Man named Raquill Rqazz joined up with a young alchemist named Keldor during a skirmish in the Beserker Islands. Like others of his race, Rqazz has the ability to control beasts and monsters. He currently uses this particular talent as chief henchman to Skeletor, the Overlord of Evil.



VINTAGE VAULT The MOTUC version of Beast Man took many of its design cues from the vintage Beast Man action figure, which was released as part of the original line's first wave in 1982. Some design elements, like the spikes on his harness and his clawed toes, came from his design on vintage figure card backs.

WELL ARMED No version of Beast Man is complete without his signature whip. Unlike the vintage weapon, which sported a black plastic handle with a string for the whip, the MOTUC Beast Man's whip was solid plastic.



ACCESSORIES



ALTERNATE VIEWS Beast Man's armor was removable. The figure re-used He-Man's furry loincloth but was otherwise comprised of entirely new parts.



MOTUC #003 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20
ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (December 1, 2008) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



ARMOR UP Beast Man's chest and shoulder armor was recast in yellow plastic and included in Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment) in 2009.

WHIP IT GOOD Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment) also included Beast Man's whip in red. The inclusion of both the yellow armor and the whip were an homage to the vintage MOTU Weapons Pak (released as part of the original toyline's third wave in 1984), which also included these pieces.



SEEING RED Initial production pieces of the Beast Man and Stratos figures had their belts swapped, giving Beast Man a red belt instead of yellow. While the error was caught quickly, early cross-sell art for Beast Man still depicted him with a red belt.



TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Beast Man's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "Like Skeletor without his right hand man, no Masters of the Universe collection is complete without the powerfully savage Beast Man! Includes his trusty whip and removable classic armor."



As in the vintage line, Beast Man's head sculpt was used again for the Moss Man figure.

Beast Man would be repainted red (to more closely resemble his appearance in the early vintage mini-comics) and released as a Power-Con exclusive in 2016.

A new Beast Man figure, sculpted after his design in the classic Filmmation MOTU cartoon, was released as part of the Club Grayskull line in 2016.

This figure's head attached to the body at the back of the skull rather than the base in order to give him a more hunched-over appearance.

Featured on Beast Man's cardback were He-Man, Skeletor, Mer-Man, Stratos, and King Grayskull.



SKELETOR

Evil Lord of Destruction



REAL NAME Keldor **BIO** Mortally wounded in a battle with his half-brother, Captain Randor, Keldor turned to his dark arts master Hordak to save his life. Merging Keldor with the extra-dimensional being Demo-Man from Despondos, Keldor was forever changed into Skeletor, Overlord of Evil! He gathered together many of Eternia's greatest outcasts and evil warriors in his quest to gain entry into Castle Grayskull and obtain what he believed to be the universe's ultimate power source.



VINTAGE VAULT The MOTUC version of Skeletor was based largely on the vintage Skeletor action figure, which was released in the original line's first wave in 1982. Some design elements, like his bare feet and the large fins on his forearms, came from his design on vintage figure cardbacks.

WELL ARMED Like his vintage action figure predecessor, Masters of the Universe Classics Skeletor came armed with his Havoc Staff and purple half Sword of Power. The half Sword of Power allowed collectors to re-create the classic storyline of uniting the two halves of the Sword of Power in order to gain entry into Castle Grayskull. (The other half of the sword was included with He-Man.) Skeletor also came with a full version of the sword (in purple), an item that his vintage predecessor lacked.



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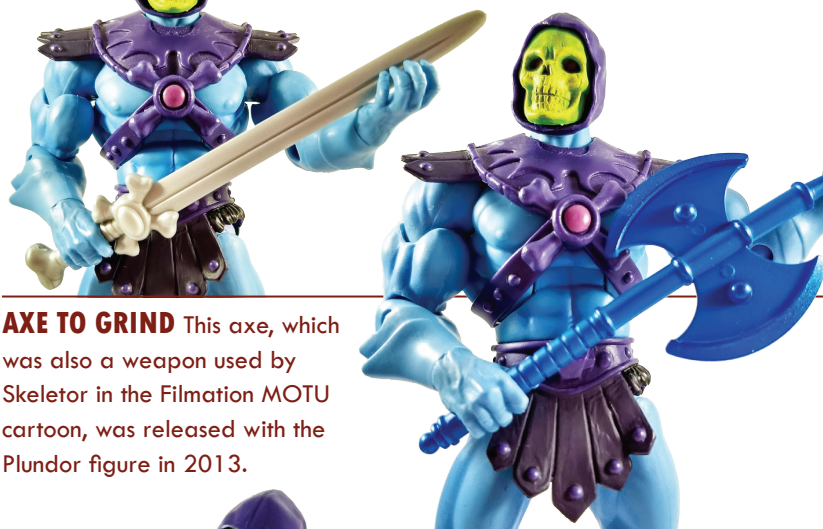


ALTERNATE VIEWS

Skeletor re-used the standard male torso, shoulders, biceps, and legs. His head, forearms, hands, boot tops and feet were newly sculpted pieces.

MOTUC #004 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20
ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (January 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure

BONE TO PICK This bone sword, which first appeared in the Filmation MOTU cartoon series, was released with the Lizard Man figure in 2015.

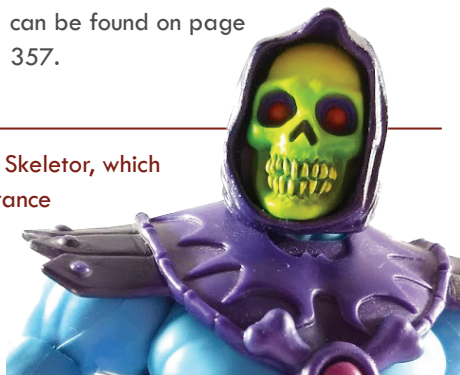


AXE TO GRIND This axe, which was also a weapon used by Skeletor in the Filmation MOTU cartoon, was released with the Plundor figure in 2013.



DISAPPEARING ACT The Diamond Ray of Disappearance, from the Filmation MOTU cartoon episode of the same name, was included as an accessory with Lizard Man in 2015. Molded to fit in Skeletor's right hand, the gem portion of the accessory glowed in the dark. Its official bio can be found on page 357.

HEADS WILL ROLL A new head for Skeletor, which was sculpted to resemble his appearance in the early MOTU mini-comics drawn by artist Alfredo Alcalá, was included with the Demo-Man figure in 2011.



TRIVIA

Skeletor's sword could be stored on the back of his armor.



The official bio for the Havoc Staff can be found on page 590.

An "Ultimate Edition" Skeletor, featuring a full sword, half sword, mini-comic (Alcalá) sword, Havoc Staff, mini-comic (Alcalá) head, and Keldor's cape and head, was released by Super7 in 2017. This version of Skeletor had purple feet and jagged forearms to make it more closely resemble the vintage Skeletor figure.

Skeletor was the first MOTUC figure to completely sell out before the release of the next figure in the line. His success helped to prove the long-term viability of the line to Mattel.

Skeletor's Havoc Staff would later be re-released with the Faceless One.

Featured on Skeletor's cardback were He-Man, Beast Man, Mer-Man, Stratos, and King Grayskull.



FAKER

Evil Robot of Skeletor



ACCESSORIES



REAL NAME Faker **BIO** Originally built by Man-At-Arms to cover for He-Man when Prince Adam is needed, Faker was abandoned in the royal junkyard after his first mission and salvaged by the evil warrior Tri-Klops. At the request of Skeletor, Faker was reprogrammed to replace He-Man and convince the people of Eternia that He-Man had betrayed King Randor and turned to evil.



VINTAGE VAULT The MOTUC version of Faker was of course largely based on the vintage Faker action figure, which was released as part of the original series' second wave in 1983. The only noteworthy differences included the paint detailing on the armor, belt, and boots, as well as the fully painted bracers.

START SPREADING THE NEWS

Faker was first made available exclusively at New York Toy Fair in February of 2009 but subsequently went up for sale to the general public on March 17th on MattyCollector.com. The figure had originally been slated for wide release in April, but when that month's scheduled figure (Mer-Man) was delayed, Faker's release date was moved ahead by one month.



MOTUC #005 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE New York Toy Fair (February 6-9, 2009) • RELEASE TYPE Carded Figure



WELL ARMED Faker came armed with both a full and a half Sword of Power, both in orange. This was the fourth time the Power Sword had been issued in MOTUC.

FACE OFF This battle-damaged Faker head was included with the Intergalactic Skeletor figure in 2014.



BONUS ACCESSORIES Weapons Pak #2 (Great Wars Assortment), released in 2010, included He-Man's axe and shield in orange for use with Faker.



A.I. There was "circuitry" on the figure's chest, hidden underneath the armor. On the vintage figure, this circuitry was a simple sticker and could be peeled off, but for the MOTUC figure, it was a non-removable tampograph.



ALTERNATE VIEWS Faker's armor was removable. Just like his vintage predecessor, Faker was comprised completely of repainted He-Man parts with orange Skeletor armor.

TRIVIA

Faker was the first figure in the line that Four Horsemen Studios did not work on directly; the prototype was made using existing Four Horsemen sculpt work and was painted in-house by Mattel.



The bios for many of the MOTUC figures were based on the text written for the 1987 Mattel MOTU style guide.

In 2011, Mattel released a 2-pack exclusive to Toys R Us that paired a Battle Armor Faker figure with the DC Universe Classics figure Bizarro. This figure featured Skeletor's Battle Armor (with three swappable chest plates) in orange plastic.

An "Ultimate Edition" Faker figure was released by Super7 in 2017. This figure included the original chest armor, sword, and half sword, along with the Alcalá-designed Sword of Power (for the first time in orange), the battle-damaged head, and a vintage He-Man head in Faker colors.

Featured on Faker's cardback were Skeletor, Beast Man, Mer-Man, Stratos, and King Grayskull.



STRATOS

Winged Warrior



REAL NAME Stratos of the House of Avion **BIO** Lord of Avion, a civilization of winged simians who live high on the peaks of the Mystic Mountains, Stratos is a brave, honorable warrior and ally of King Randor. Although all Avionians have the ability to fly using the magical Emerald Staff, many, including Stratos, have augmented their armor with rocket packs and jets to increase their flight speed and distance. As a member of the Masters of the Universe, Stratos fights bravely against the evil forces of Skeletor.



VINTAGE VAULT The MOTUC version of Stratos took almost all of its design cues from the vintage Stratos action figure, which was released in the original line as part of the first wave in 1982. The only noteworthy differences were the non-removable wings and the lack of a gripping right hand on the MOTUC version.

UNARMED Stratos was the first MOTUC figure to ship without any accessories, due to the fact that his vintage figure did not have any. This was remedied later when Mattel began packaging accessories for Stratos with other figures. The Staff of Avion, in its gold Filimation MOTU cartoon design, was released with the Icer figure in 2013, but since Stratos had open hands, he could not grip the staff firmly. An official bio for this staff (dubbed "Staff of Avion — Magic Rod of Imprisonment," page 253) was revealed on He-Man.org in April of 2020.

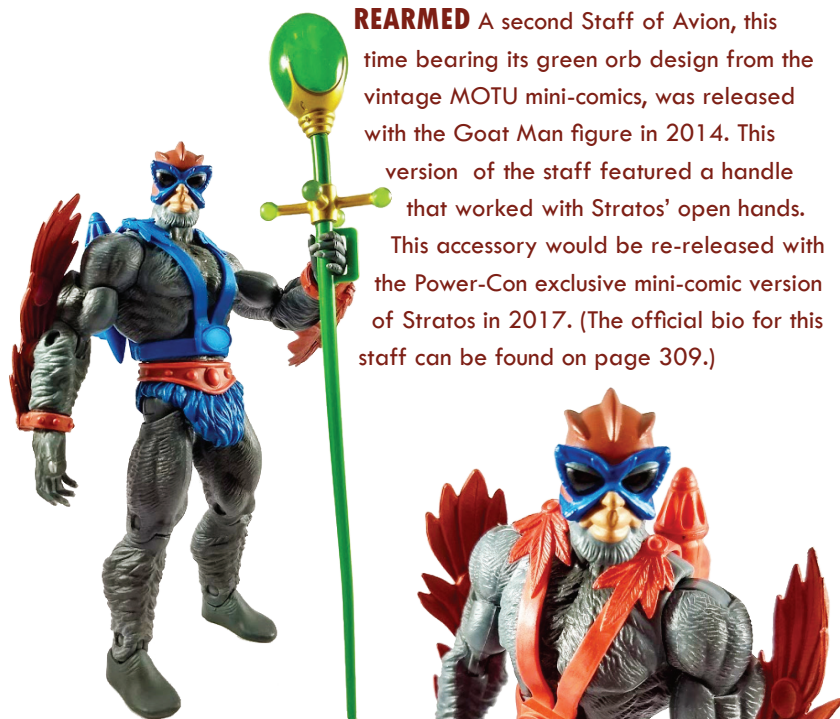


ACCESSORIES

NONE



MOTUC #006 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (February 16, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



REARMED A second Staff of Avion, this time bearing its green orb design from the vintage MOTU mini-comics, was released with the Goat Man figure in 2014. This version of the staff featured a handle that worked with Stratos' open hands. This accessory would be re-released with the Power-Con exclusive mini-comic version of Stratos in 2017. (The official bio for this staff can be found on page 309.)

BLASTING OFF

Stratos' jet pack was recast in red and included in Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battle-ground Assortment) in 2010.



TAKING FLIGHT Twice during the course of the toylines run, Mattel created flight stands for use with both their MOTUC and DC Universe Classics figures. As Stratos is one of the few MOTUC characters that can fly, he was the most obvious candidate to use with these semi-translucent stands.

ALTERNATE VIEWS

Stratos' jetpack was removable. Stratos re-used many Beast Man parts, but his head, cuffs/wings, open right hand, and feet were newly sculpted parts.



TRIVIA

The vintage Stratos figure came in two versions; the more common version featured red wings with a blue jet pack, while a rarer version featured blue wings with a red jet pack. In 2011, Mattel released a 2-pack, exclusive to Toys R Us, that paired Stratos with the DC Universe Classics figure Hawkman. This version of Stratos featured blue wings and a red jet pack.



When MOTUC was first conceived, Mattel planned for it to be a limited series consisting of three 2-packs. Stratos was originally scheduled to be released in a 2-pack with Skeletor.

According to Mattel brand manager Scott Neitlich, initial production pieces of the Beast Man and Stratos figures had their belts swapped, giving Stratos a gold/yellow belt instead of red. While the error was caught quickly, early cross-sell art for Stratos still depicted him with a gold belt, and some production pieces appeared on eBay.

Featured on Stratos' cardback were Hordak, Zodac, Faker, Man-At-Arms, and Mer-Man.



MER-MAN

Ocean Warlord



REAL NAME Squidish Rex **BIO** Ruler of the undersea realms of Eternia, Mer-Man was forced to serve among Skeletor's evil warriors after his kingdom was destroyed in a battle with rival ocean clans. His allegiance with Skeletor brings him to the surface world more often than he would like. Lurking deep beneath the Sea of Rakash, Mer-Man awaits Skeletor's evil call to arms!



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Mer-Man action figure was released as part of the original line's first wave in 1982. There were some very noticeable differences between the figure itself and its cardback art. Elements from both versions were reflected in the MOTUC figure.

DESIGN DECISIONS The MOTUC Mer-Man figure took several design cues from his vintage cardback art (above, right), including his painted shin bracers, yellow gloves, yellow shorts, the spikes on his armor, and an alternate head sculpt based on said art. Even his sword more closely resembled its look from the cardback art. There were a small number of nods to the vintage Mer-Man figure, such as his default head sculpt and green belt.



ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #007 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (April 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



WELL ARMED Like his vintage predecessor, Mer-Man came armed with a yellow sword. For years, fans have referred to the vintage Mer-Man's sword as his "corn on the cob" sword due to its odd resemblance to the vegetable. A closer look at the vintage cross-sell art reveals that it was actually based on a sawfish bone.

HEADS UP Mer-Man was the first of many MOTUC figures to come packaged with an alternate head sculpt. This head sculpt was based on his vintage cardback art (as was his open left hand).



KING OF THE SEAS Mer-Man's trident was first introduced with the character when he was redesigned for the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series and subsequent toylines. The official bio for this trident ("Trident of Aquatica") can be found on page 616.

NEW DUDS Mer-Man's armor, sword and trident were recast in bronze plastic (to more closely resemble the 2002 toyline figure's color scheme) and included in Weapons Pak #2 (Great Wars Assortment) in 2010.



ALTERNATE VIEWS Mer-Man utilized the standard male torso, shoulders, biceps, upper legs and furry loincloth, as well as Skeletor's forearms, shin bracers, and feet.

TRIVIA

A neck piece was included to give the figure the appearance of "gills." Although it was glued in place, it could be easily removed.



The Four Horsemen originally sculpted small fish "minion" figures to include with Mer-Man, but this idea was nixed for budgetary reasons.

In 2010, Mattel released a 2-pack exclusive to Toys R Us, pairing Mer-Man with the DC Universe Classics figure Aquaman. This blue-skinned version of Mer-Man was based on his appearance in early mini-comics, and his sword was repainted to match its mini-comics color scheme as well. This version of Mer-Man did not include a trident or the vintage head sculpt.

In 2018, Super7 created a Mer-Man figure based on the character's design in the Fimation MOTU cartoon. Among the figure's accessories was a sword designed to closely resemble the vintage action figure's sword.

Featured on Mer-Man's cardback were Zodac, Faker, Skeletor, Stratos, and He-Man.



ZODAC

Cosmic Enforcer



ACCESSORIES



REAL NAME Zodac Zur **BIO** Once a member of Eternia's Council of Elders who had transformed themselves into spirits residing within the walls of Castle Grayskull, Zodac chose to retain his human form and left Eternia after King Grayskull's demise. Finding peace among the stars, Zodac was recruited by the Overlords of Trolla to become a Cosmic Enforcer, beings tasked with maintaining neutrality throughout the universe. Although Zodac no longer calls Eternia home, the constant struggle over the Sword of Power has often called him back to his native planet to maintain the eternal balance between good and evil.



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Zodac action figure was released as part of the original series' first wave in 1982, where he was labeled as an "Evil" Cosmic Enforcer. It wasn't until the original DC Comics *Masters of the Universe* run and the Filmation MOTU cartoon that Zodac became a neutral character.

DESIGN DECISIONS The MOTUC Zodac adhered quite closely to the design of his vintage action figure predecessor with two minor exceptions: his forearms and his calves. The MOTUC update of these two body parts would not be created until Whiplash (forearms) in 2010 and Kobra Khan (calves) in 2012. Instead, Zodac got these parts from the MOTUC Skeletor figure, a move that took its cues from the vintage action figure cardback art (below).



MOTUC #008 • AFFILIATION Cosmic Enforcers • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (May 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



GUNS OUT Just like in the vintage line, Zodac was the first MOTUC figure to come with a gun; all previous figures had come packaged with melee weapons like swords.

PRETTY IN PINK Zodac's armor and gun were recast in pink plastic and included in Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment) in 2010.



ALTERNATE VIEWS Zodac utilized the standard male shoulders, biceps, furry loincloth, and upper legs, Skeletor's fore-arms, boots/feet, and right hand, and Beast Man's furry torso. Only his head and left hand were new.



TRIVIA



In 2011, Mattel released a 2-pack exclusive to Toys R Us that paired Zodac with the DC Universe Classics figure Green Lantern. This version of Zodac sported white gloves and closed-toe boots, giving him a look that more closely resembled his Filmation MOTU cartoon appearance. Oddly, this figure's armor was glued in place, making it non-removable.

Zodac never appeared in the 2002 Masters of the Universe relaunch, but was replaced by Zadak, a totally different character who was also a Cosmic Enforcer. For MOTUC, Mattel decided to not only give both characters a figure, but also include them both in the updated storyline.

Mattel originally planned to release Zodac in a 2-pack with Man-At-Arms.

Zodac's head sculpt would be re-used for the Zadak and Strobo figures, while his armor and gun would be recast in black plastic for the Wun-Dar figure.

Featured on Zodac's cardback were Hordak, Stratos, Faker, Mer-Man, and Man-At-Arms.



GALLERY

HORDAK

Evil Leader of the Evil Horde



REAL NAME Hec-Tor Kur **BIO** Second-born heir to the Horde Empire, Hec-Tor Kur arrived on the planet Eternia during an intergalactic battle with the cosmic warrior He-Ro. Taking the name Hordak, he raised an army and challenged the Snake Men for rule over the planet. Although Hordak defeated King Hssss, King Grayskull, leader of the free people of Eternia, succeeded in banishing Hordak to the dimension of Despondos. It was there that, centuries later, Hordak contacted a young alchemist named Keldor and began teaching him the ways of the dark arts in exchange for eventual freedom from his extra-dimensional prison.



VINTAGE VAULT The MOTUC version of Hordak was a faithful update of the vintage Hordak action figure, which was released as part of the original toyline's fourth wave in 1985, when the Evil Horde was first introduced in Masters of the Universe.

WELL ARMED The MOTUC Hordak, like its vintage predecessor, came packaged with a Horde crossbow. While the vintage crossbow was white, the MOTUC Hordak's crossbow was gunmetal gray.



BONUS A white crossbow would eventually be issued with both the Spirit of Hordak figure in 2013 and "Buzz Saw" Hordak in 2015. It would also be released in silver in Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment) in 2010.

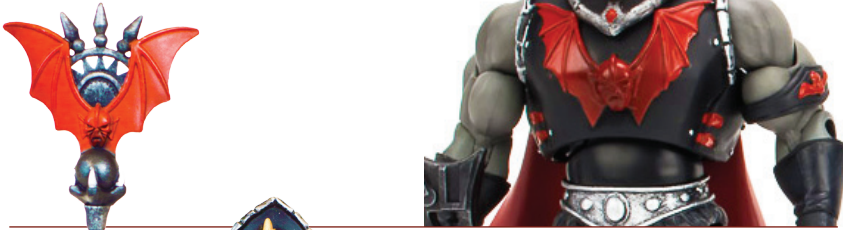


ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #009 • AFFILIATION The Evil Horde • **SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20**
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (June 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure

BAND OF BROTHERS Hordak's arm band, which was removable, would later be re-used for several other figures, including Grizzlor, Rattlor, and Tung Lashor. The official bio for the Evil Horde Armband can be found on page 611.



WELL STAFFED The vintage Hordak figure did not come with a staff. His staff was first introduced when the character was redesigned for the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series, and his subsequent mini-statue, released by NECA Toys, carried a staff quite similar to the one subsequently issued with the MOTUC Hordak figure.

SAY HELLO TO MY LITTLE FRIEND

Hordak came with a modern update of his vintage bat shield, which clipped onto his arm. For MOTUC, the shield was redesigned to look more like a small bat minion, making Hordak the first figure to come with a pack-in companion. An official bio for this minion ("Koth the Horror Bat") can be found on page 618.



UNDER THE HOOD

The figure's arm band, cowl, cape and armor were all removable. Unlike previous figures, instead of a muscular ab piece underneath the armor, Hordak featured a smooth, flat ab piece as if he was still wearing armor.

TRIVIA

In 2013, Mattel released the Spirit of Hordak, which was simply the original Hordak figure molded in translucent red plastic. This "chase" figure would pop up randomly on MattyCollector.com throughout the year with a limited window of opportunity for ordering.



The redundant text "Evil Leader of the Evil Horde" happened due to a typo. The copy should have read, "Ruthless Leader of the Evil Horde."

Regarding Hordak's real name, *hector* means "a domineering person, a bully," while Kur was inspired by the word *cur*, which means "dog."

In 2014, Mattel released a Hordak figure with a color scheme similar to his Filmation POP cartoon design, although fans pointed out inaccuracies in several of the figure's sculpted details. In 2018, a proper Filmation POP Hordak was released with more cartoon-accurate sculpting as part of the Club Grayskull line.

Featured on Hordak's cardback were Skeletor, Mer-Man, King Grayskull, Man-At-Arms, and Zodac.



MAN-AT-ARMS

Heroic Master of Weapons



REAL NAME Duncan **BIO** For two centuries, the Eternian weapons master and combat instructor to the royal family has been called the Man-At-Arms. Trained by the renowned tactician Dekker and a veteran of the Great Unrest, Duncan was asked by King Randor to step into this position and fortify his guard with an elite strike force which he named the Masters of the Universe. In addition to his skills in combat, Duncan is also a great inventor and helped construct an electronic version of the Power Sword for Prince Adam to use until he could unite both halves of Grayskull's sword. Man-At-Arms and his adopted daughter Teela often scout the borders of Eternia for signs of lurking evil.



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Man-At-Arms figure was released as part of the original toyline's first wave in 1982. The figure came equipped with chest armor, left arm armor, and left leg armor (all removable), as well as an orange mace.

DESIGN DECISIONS

The MOTUC Man-At-Arms followed the vintage

figure design quite closely. A few differences included the blue painted bracers, the black furry detailing at the shoulders, the black shorts and boots, and a red highlight on the belt (all design elements inspired by the figure's vintage cardback art). Additionally, his left arm armor was two pieces instead of one to allow for elbow articulation.



ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #010 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (July 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure

ARMED TO THE TEETH Along with his signature mace, Man-At-Arms came with a sword and pistol (accessories that the vintage figure lacked) in order to truly make him a master of arms. All of his weapons could be stored on his back.



A HEAD OF THE REST This figure came packaged with two head sculpts: a clean-shaven face like the vintage action figure and a mustached face as the character appeared in most media, first popularized in the Filmation MOTU cartoon.



POWER SWORD The inclusion of the 2002 redesigned Power Sword marked the first time in the line that a figure came packaged with an accessory intended for a different figure — in this case, He-Man.

GUNS OUT Man-At-Arms' arm cannon, a weapon that was introduced in the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon, was released in Weapons Pak #3 (Great Unrest Assortment) in 2012. This accessory was originally planned to be included with the figure but was cut for budgetary reasons.



ALTERNATE VIEWS

Man-At-Arms' armor, which was comprised of two parts, was removable. From the neck down, the figure used the same parts as He-Man. His heads were the only newly sculpted pieces.

TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Man-At-Arms' sales page on MattyCollector.com: "En guard! Enemies of He-Man would be wise to be well-prepared for battle when Man-At-Arms is at our hero's side! Man-At-Arms comes complete with these accessories: Electronic Power Sword, removable armor, mace, dagger, and pistol."



This figure's sword and pistol were given blue paint accents (instead of gold) and re-released in Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment) in 2010. Both weapons were released again as part of 2011's Weapons Rack with the pistol in solid silver and the sword in maroon.

Three additional Man-At-Arms figures were released in MOTUC: Snake Man-At-Arms (2012), a version based on his 2002 re-design that was included with the Battle Ram vehicle (2014), and a Filmation MOTU cartoon version (2018).

Featured on Man-At-Arms' cardback were He-Man, Mer-Man, Tri-Klops, Hordak, and Zodac.



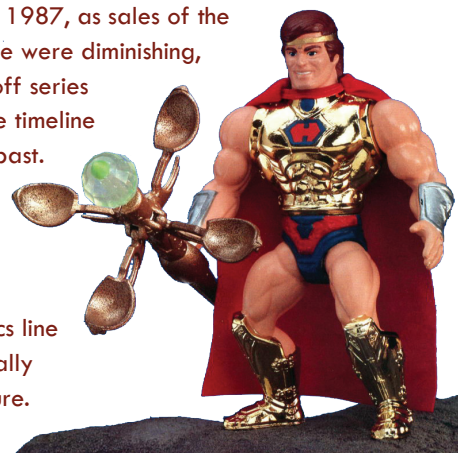
HE-RO

Heroic Cosmic Warrior



REAL NAME Ro **BIO** Given the sword of He by the Overlords of the Timeless Dimension on Trolla, Ro was told to “go forth and combat evil.” During one such epic battle, he was infected with a techno-organic virus by Horde Prime and sent through a vortex to the magical planet of Eternia. Once there, he was healed by Eldor in a mystical pool which absorbed his virus. In gratitude, He-Ro swore to help free Eternia from the Snake Men and Horde Invaders. He-Ro defended the free people alongside the great King Grayskull, eventually bequeathing his own sword to the king upon He-Ro’s heroic death.

THE POWERS OF GRAYSKULL In 1987, as sales of the vintage Masters of the Universe line were diminishing, Mattel planned to release a spin-off series called The Powers of Grayskull, the timeline of which would be set in Eternia’s past. Two prototype figures — He-Ro and Eldor — were revealed, but the line was canceled and neither figure was ever released. The Masters of the Universe Classics line gave Mattel the opportunity to finally give both characters an action figure.



ACCESSORIES



SDCC He-Ro was first released as an exclusive at San Diego Comic-Con in July 2009. This version of the figure featured a tampon of the SDCC logo on its chest (hidden under the armor). The version of the figure later released on MattyCollector.com to the general public did not have the logo.



EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN In 2019, toy company Super7 released a He-Ro figure in their Masters of the Universe Vintage Collection, finally immortalizing in plastic the unreleased Mattel figure from 1987. The figure was an accurate representation of the vintage prototype, minus the vac metal armor.



MOTUC #011 • AFFILIATION Preternian Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE San Diego Comic-Con (July 23-29, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



WELL ARMED He-Ro came armed with a Power Sword in translucent blue plastic with glitter. This was the fifth time the Power Sword had been issued in MOTUC. The original Four Horsemen prototype for the He-Ro figure featured a black translucent sword instead of blue. The official bio for this sword ("The Sword of He") can be found on page 598.

HE-JEWELLED The staff of the figure opened up to reveal a jeweled stone. The stone came in three colors — red, purple and green — but since the staff came closed, the color of the stone in each package was hidden. Of the three colored jewels, green was the most common (50%), followed by red (30%) and purple (20%). The official bio for this staff ("The Staff of Transformation") can be found on page 611.



TRIVIA

The following copy was written for He-Ro's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "Heroic Cosmic Warrior and ally to King Grayskull, He-Ro lived a champion's life and ultimately died a champion's death. Sculpted in stunning detail by the Four Horsemen and fully articulated, our He-Ro figure includes his magic staff, Power Sword, and removable armor."



Featured on He-Ro's cardback were Skeletor, Mer-Man, King Grayskull, Man-At-Arms, and Hordak.

ALTERNATE VIEWS He-Ro utilized the standard male torso, shoulders, biceps, hands, and upper legs.



TRI-KLOPS

Evil & Sees Everything



REAL NAME Trydor Esooniux Scope **BIO** Originally an inter-dimensional bounty hunter and tracker, Scope was recruited by Skeletor during one of the final battles of the Great Unrest in an effort to bolster his weakened forces. As good with a blade as he is crafty, Scope took the name Tri-Klops after an accident left him blind and he was forced to wear a tri-optic visor which granted him expanded tracking abilities including Gammavision (the ability to see around objects), Distavision (a form of telescopic vision), Night Vision, and the ability to generate optic blasts. Tri-Klops uses his three different eyes to spy for Skeletor!



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Tri-Klops figure was released as part of the original line's second wave in 1983. He came with removable armor, green sword, and life-sized "Warrior's Ring."

WELL ARMED The MOTUC Tri-Klops, like its vintage

predecessor, came with his signature green sword, which could be stored on the back of the figure's armor. One new detail on the figure was the addition of three daggers on the back of his armor. These daggers were decorative only and could not be removed.



BLING Like the vintage figure, Tri-Klops came packaged with a life-sized glow-in-the-dark "Warrior's Ring." The ring could be opened to reveal a hidden compartment.



ACCESSORIES



ALTERNATE VIEWS

Tri-Klops utilized the standard male body from neck to toe, with the exception of his left forearm, which was given a new bracer to match the one on his right wrist.

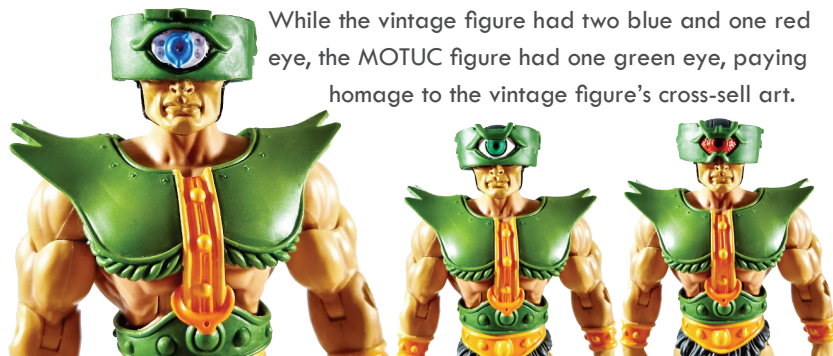


MOTUC #012 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (August 17, 2009) • RELEASE TYPE Carded Figure

THE EYES HAVE IT

Tri-Klops' visor could be rotated, revealing different eyes.

While the vintage figure had two blue and one red eye, the MOTUC figure had one green eye, paying homage to the vintage figure's cross-sell art.



UNDER THE VISOR > The figure's visor could be removed, revealing cybernetic eye patches on the face underneath.



< BONUS ACCESSORY

While the vintage figure came packaged with a green sword, the card back art showed Tri-Klops carrying a gold-hilted sword with a silver blade. Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment), released in 2010, featured the Tri-Klops sword repainted to match the vintage cardback art.



DOOMSEEKER Doomseekers were first introduced with the 2002 revival of Masters of the Universe. The 2002 Doomseeker accessory was silver, to match its cartoon appearance, but was given a green deco in MOTUC to better match how it might have looked in the vintage line. The official bio for the Doomseekers ("Spies of Tri-Klops!") can be found on page 600.



TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Tri-Klops' sales page on MattyCollector.com: "Cybernetic vision isn't required to see this Tri-Klops figure is fully articulated and strikingly sculpted by the Four Horsemen. You will, however, need to look closely to see Tri-Klops includes a re-creation of the 1980s Warrior's Ring! Befitting a three-eyed icon of evil, the Warrior's Ring glows in the dark and features an opening top. Tri-Klops arrives with these accessories: Secret glow-in-the-dark Warrior's Ring with opening top, assassin sword, and Doomseeker with stand."



A new Tri-Klops figure, sculpted after his design in the Filmation MOTU cartoon, was released by Super7 as part of the Club Grayskull line in 2018. One of the figure's accessories was a true "vintage cardback" sword, which not only sported a gold hilt and silver blade, but was also sculpted to accurately reflect the design shown in the classic artwork.

Featured on Tri-Klops' cardback were Skeletor, He-Man, Zodac, Hordak, and Man-At-Arms.



GALLERY

WEBSTOR

Evil Master of Escape



REAL NAME Araneus son of Raknus **BIO** In ancient times, the Arachna were an advanced, dominant race of spider warriors that were driven underground by the Snake Men. One of the last remaining members of the Arachna, Webstor was awoken from hibernation beneath Snake Mountain and allied himself with Skeletor. Araneus retains much of the knowledge of his people and while seemingly savage, is an expert mathematician and strategist as well as an accomplished escape artist. He often arms himself with a grappling hook and uses his climbing power to escape capture!



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Webstor figure was released as part of the original toyline's third wave in 1984. The figure came equipped with removable armor, grappling hook, and rifle.

DESIGN DECISIONS The MOTUC Webstor adhered quite closely to the design of his vintage action figure predecessor with three minor

exceptions: his forearms, his calves, and his eyes. The MOTUC versions of Webstor's forearms and calves would not be created until Whiplash (forearms) in 2010 and Kobra Khan (calves) in 2012. Instead, like Zodac before him, Webstor got these body parts from the MOTUC Skeletor figure. Additionally, the MOTUC version of Webstor sported six eyes like his 200x redesign instead of four eyes like his vintage action figure.



ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #013 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (September 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



HOOKED ON A CEILING Webstor's grappling hook and string were permanently attached to his armor. The vintage figure's backpack featured a pulley mechanism that allowed the figure to "climb" the attached string. The MOTUC figure lacked this action feature.

SPIDER MAN The four appendages on Webstor's back were added when the character was redesigned for the 2002 MOTU revival. For collectors who preferred Webstor's vintage look, these appendages could be easily removed.



GUNS OUT Like his vintage predecessor, Webstor came armed with an orange rifle.

ALTERNATE VIEWS

Aside from the aforementioned Skeletor forearms and boots, Webstor was comprised of the standard male torso, shoulders, biceps, furry loincloth, and upper legs, as well as Skeletor's right hand and Zodac's left hand.



TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Webstor's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "Oh, what a tangled web Webstor weaves! Aided by his Power Blaster and Fast Pack (not to mention those four extra limbs), this highly-detailed, fully-articulated action figure uses both cunning and climbing to handily elude his enemies."



The MOTUC Webstor figure came packaged with his armor off. This was likely done as a nod to the vintage figure, which was also carded this way in order to keep the package bubble from having to be too deep.

Webstor's extra appendages would be used again on the Buzz-Off and Mosquitor figures.

Webstor's rifle would be recast in silver plastic and included in Weapons Pack #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment) in 2010. It would also be recast in maroon plastic and included with the Weapons Rack in 2011.

Featured on Webstor's cardback were He-Man, Hordak, Zodac, Tri-Klops and Man-At-Arms.

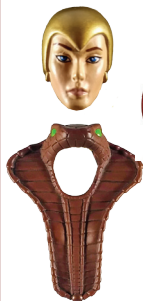


TEELA

Warrior Goddess



ACCESSORIES



REAL NAME Teela **BIO** The adopted daughter of Duncan, the current Man-At-Arms, Teela grew up in the palace of King Randor. Trained from an early age in the ways of battle, at age 18 she became Captain of the Guard, leading King Randor's troops and acting as a defacto member of the Masters of the Universe. She is yet to become aware of her true heritage as the magically cloned daughter of the Sorceress and heir to the throne of Castle Grayskull. She carries the Staff of Ka, which was once used by the Snake Men in their epic battles against the Horde and King Grayskull during the Great Wars. Teela uses this magical staff to track her foes' every move!

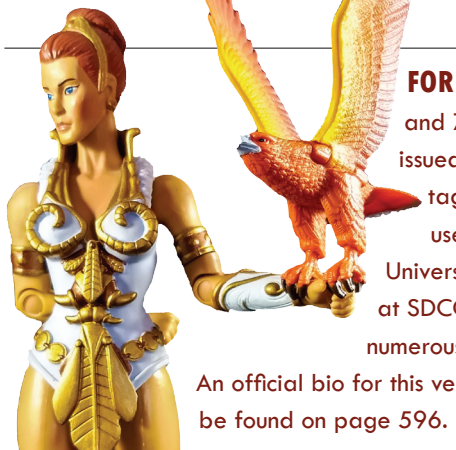


VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Teela figure was released as part of the original line's first wave in 1982. The figure came equipped with removable armor, shield, and snake staff.

DESIGN DECISIONS

MOTUC Teela came equipped with a shield, snake staff,

and snake armor. Unlike her vintage staff, which was red, the MOTUC Teela's staff was gold, matching its color on her vintage cardback art. Additionally, her snake armor was brown, just like her vintage cardback art, instead of red like her vintage action figure.



FOR THE BIRDS The pairing of Teela and Zoar made sense, as the two were issued together as a gift pack in the vintage line. The mold for Zoar was first used as an eagle figure in the DC Universe Classics Wonder Twins 2-pack at SDCC in 2009 and would be used numerous times throughout the MOTUC line.

An official bio for this version of Zoar ("Noble Zoar") can be found on page 596.

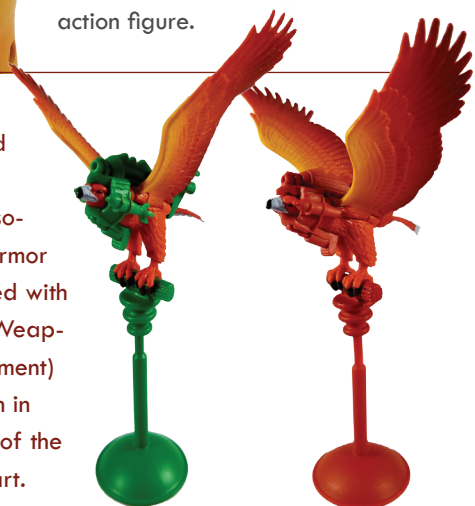
MOTUC #014 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (October 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure

EN GARDE Teela's sword was based on a weapon she carried in the 2002 MOTU cartoon as well as her subsequent action figure in the 2002 toyline.



RED HOOD Weapons Pak #3 (Great Unrest Assortment) featured Teela's armor and staff in red plastic to match the color scheme of the vintage action figure.

TAKING FLIGHT The vintage Zoar figure came with armor and a perch, both in red plastic. The MOTUC Zoar lacked both accessories, although a red perch and armor (far right) was eventually released with Evil-Lyn and Screech in 2010. Weapons Pak #3 (Great Unrest Assortment) featured Zoar's armor and perch in green (right), matching the color of the vintage Zoar figure's cardback art.



< BATTLE READY Teela's alternate, helmeted head sculpt was designed to fit under her snake armor headdress.



DOUBLE TROUBLE > Weapons Pak #3 (Great Unrest Assortment) featured Teela's sword with a maroon hilt, which more closely matched the coloring of her 2002 figure's weapon.

TRIVIA

Zoar was released again, repainted white, in Weapons Pak #3 (Great Unrest Assortment) in 2012, and in Filimation colors with the Sorceress, also in 2012. An all-new Zoar, sculpted to match its Filimation design, was released with the Club Grayskull Sorceress figure in 2018.



The official bio for the Staff of Ka can be found on page 590.

Battleground Teela (a figure based on one of the character's early 1980s DC Comics appearances) was released in 2011; a new version of Teela (loosely based on her Filimation MOTU cartoon appearance) was released with the Point Dread & Talon Fighter playset in 2015; and a proper Filimation Teela was produced as part of Club Grayskull in 2018.

An "Ultimate Edition" Teela was released by Super7 in 2017 (see page 476).

Pictured on Teela's cardback were He-Man, Skeletor, Webstor, Tri-Klops, and Man-At-Arms.

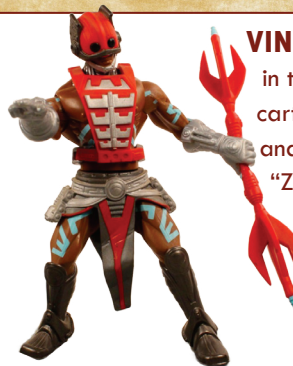


ZODAK

Mystic Enforcer



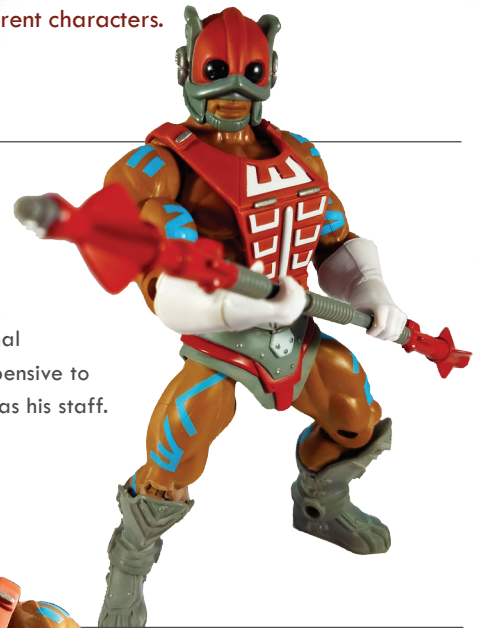
REAL NAME Kar-Tor **BIO** An ancient and powerful enforcer for the Council of Elders, Kar-Tor studied the teachings and mystic fighting techniques of the Cosmic Enforcers and knows how to instantly identify an opponent's weakness. After his mentor, the original Zodac, left Eternia to fulfill the Elders' bargain with Trolla, Kar-Tor took his place on the Council and helped lead them in battle against the Snake Men, eventually using the power of his staff to trap King Hssss in the Void. Although he prefers a solitary life of meditation in the Mystic Mountains, when he is called to battle, Zodak attacks his enemies using all the power at his command!



VINTAGE VAULT "Zodac" was a white-skinned alien in the vintage figure line, and a white human in the cartoon. In the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series and subsequent toylines, the character was renamed "Zodak" and changed to a black human. For MOTUC, both Zodac and Zodak existed, but as different characters.



"BONUS" FIGURE With Zodak, Mattel introduced the concept of a "bonus" figure in MOTUC — a figure released during the same monthly sale as a regular figure (in this case, Teela) that could be made with minimal new tooling and was therefore inexpensive to produce. Zodak's only new part was his staff.



ACCESSORIES



WELL ARMED Zodak's staff was based on the weapon used by the character in the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series and included with the subsequent action figure.

MOTUC #015 • AFFILIATION Cosmic Enforcers • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
 • **ORIGINAL RELEASE** MattyCollector.com (October 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded "Bonus" Figure

ALTERNATE VIEWS

Zodak was comprised of the standard male torso, shoulders, biceps, and upper legs, Zodac's head and armor, He-Ro's shorts and boots, and Hordak's gloves.



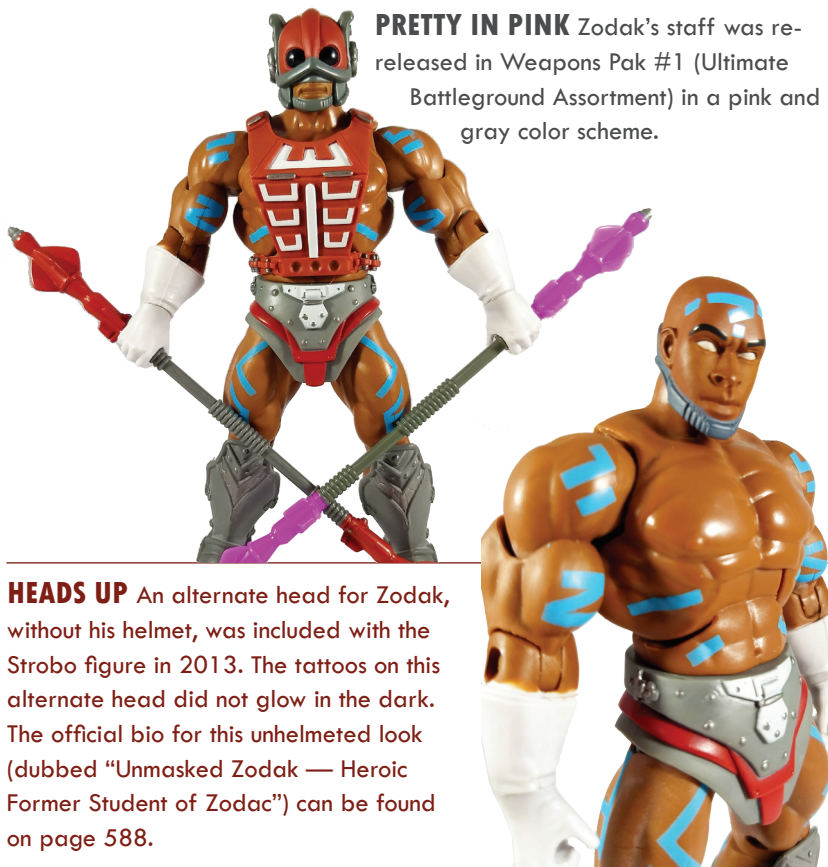
TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Zodak's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "Don't be fooled by this meditating man's mild manner. When duty calls, Zodak becomes a force to be reckoned with! Feel the power with this highly-detailed, fully-articulated action figure that comes complete with a Cosmic Staff."



Featured on Zodak's cardback were He-Man, Webstor, the Goddess, Hordak and Tri-Klops.

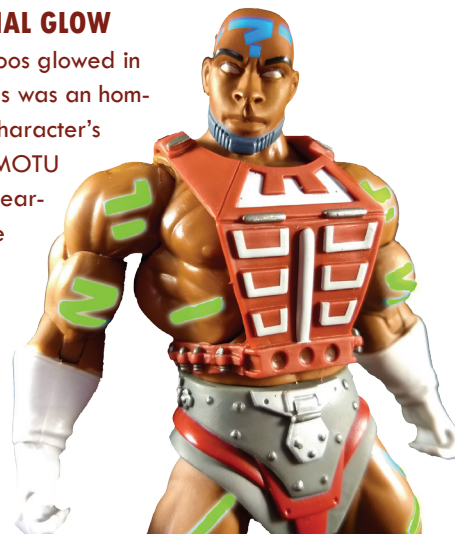
PRETTY IN PINK Zodak's staff was re-released in Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment) in a pink and gray color scheme.



HEADS UP An alternate head for Zodak, without his helmet, was included with the Strobo figure in 2013. The tattoos on this alternate head did not glow in the dark. The official bio for this unmasked look (dubbed "Unmasked Zodak — Heroic Former Student of Zodac") can be found on page 588.

THAT SPECIAL GLOW

Zodak's tattoos glowed in the dark. This was an homage to the character's 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon appearances, where his tattoos would occasionally glow.



SCAREGLOW

Evil Ghost Serving Skeletor



REAL NAME Karak Nul **BIO** In life, Karak Nul was a shifty bounty hunter who spent years attempting to break into Castle Grayskull, obsessed with the countless legends proclaiming that it contained the power to be Master of the Universe. In death, he was cursed and banished into the dimension of Infinia, forever chained for his past crimes. He was brought back to Eternia by a magical spell of light cast by Skeletor to locate the most evil warriors in the five dimensions. Provided with the Scythe of Doom, Nul agreed to join forces with Skeletor and quickly became known as Scareglow thanks to his ability to appear and freeze his enemies with fright.



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Scareglow figure was released as part of the original toyline's sixth wave in 1987. The figure came equipped with a halberd and removable purple cloth cape.

DESIGN DECISIONS

The MOTUC Scareglow deviated slightly from the design of his vintage action figure predecessor in two places: his forearms and his calves. The MOTUC versions of these two body parts would not be created until Whiplash (forearms) in 2010 and Kobra Khan (calves) in 2012. Instead, like Zodac before him, Scareglow got these parts from the MOTUC Skeletor figure.



ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #016 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (November 16, 2009) • RELEASE TYPE Carded Figure

WELL ARMED Like his vintage predecessor, Scareglow came armed with a green halberd. Unnamed in the vintage toyline, it was dubbed the “Scythe of Doom” in MOTUC. While the vintage version of this weapon was solid green, the MOTUC version featured a glow-in-the-dark blade and spikes.



KEY TO THE KINGDOM The reliquary featured a real metal chain that attached to Scareglow’s wrist and was topped by a small detailed replica of Castle Grayskull.

LET ME IN The top of the reliquary could be removed to reveal a tiny key inside. The Castle Grayskull playset, released four years after this figure, featured a side door with a slot that fit this key.



THAT SPECIAL GLOW The Scareglow figure glowed in the dark, just like its vintage counterpart.

ALTERNATE VIEWS Scareglow was comprised of the Skeletor body with He-Man’s furry loincloth. Only his head, cape, and accessories were newly sculpted.



TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Scareglow’s sales page on MattyCollector.com: “Cursed for all eternity, Scareglow is one of the evil henchmen of Skeletor.

Able to strike fear in the hearts of even the most worthy opponents, his spirited action figure is highly-detailed and fully-articulated, and comes complete with these accessories: Scythe of Doom and cursed Grayskull reliquary.”



The figure’s cape, which was plastic instead of cloth like the vintage figure’s cape, was removable. Toward the bottom edge, the figure’s cape was semi-translucent.

Weapons Pak #1 (Ultimate Battleground Assortment), released in 2010, featured Scareglow’s halberd in silver and gray plastic. The Weapons Rack, released in 2011, featured the halberd in lighter silver.

Featured on Scareglow’s cardback were He-Man, Teela, Tri-Klops, Man-At-Arms, and Webstor.



KING RANDOR

Heroic Ruler of Eternia



REAL NAME Randor of the House of Miro **BIO** King Miro's second-born son Randor came of age during the Great Unrest, a time when conflict returned to Eternia following the uprising of Count Marzo and the subsequent betrayal of Miro by Randor's half-brother Keldor. After the disappearance of his father, Randor was appointed Captain of the Guard and led Miro's troops in battle against Keldor's growing rebellion. Randor eventually ended the fight when he fatally wounded Keldor and aided in imprisoning his evil warriors behind the Mystic Wall. For this act he was appointed King of Eternia by the Council of Elders. King Randor raises his staff, proclaiming his rule over all Eternia!



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage King Randor figure was released as part of the original toyline's sixth wave in 1987. The figure came equipped with a spear, armor (repainted from the Jitsu figure), crown, and blue cloth cape.

DESIGN DECISIONS In the vintage Masters of the Universe toyline, King Randor and Jitsu shared the same armor sculpt. While their armor in MOTUC still shared some design similarities, King Randor and Jitsu no longer shared the same armor. Another difference between the vintage and MOTUC versions of King Randor was his left bracer: the vintage version used the He-Man bracer, while the MOTUC version used the Tri-Klops bracer.



ACCESSORIES



ROYAL COUPLE King Randor's better half, Queen Marlena, was released in July of 2011.

MOTUC #017 • AFFILIATION The Royal Family • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (December 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



SWORD King Randor's sword was based on the weapon he carried in the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series and the subsequent mini-statue created for the character by NECA Toys.

STAFF Interestingly, instead of being given a spear like his vintage action figure, King Randor came with the staff given to him for his redesign in the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series.



BONUS ACCESSORY The omission of Randor's spear (which was actually a recolored Whiplash spear in the vintage line), was rectified by the release of Weapons Pak #2 (Great Wars Assortment) in 2010, which included a gold Whiplash spear.

ROYAL ROBES The figure's cape, which was plastic instead of cloth like the vintage figure's cape, was permanently attached to his armor, but the armor was removable.



ALTERNATE VIEWS From the neck down, the figure utilized only standard male parts with the exception of the left Tri-Klops bracer.

TRIVIA

The following copy was written for King Randor's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "Miro, Miro, on the wall, who's the strongest of them all? Randor, or course! Mortally wounding his evil half-brother Keldor and earning the appointment of King of Eternia, Randor rules as a highly-detailed, fully-articulated action figure that comes with these accessories: Sword of Eternos and Royal Staff."



In 2012, Mattel released a second King Randor figure. Dubbed "Eternos Palace King Randor," the new figure was based on the character's appearance in the Filmation MOTU cartoon. The two figures shared the same head sculpt.

The spear accessory would be released again, in silver, with the Weapons Rack in 2011, and a fourth time, in yellow, with Eternos Palace King Randor in 2012.

Featured on King Randor's cardback were He-Man, Scareglow, Teela, Man-At-Arms, and Webstor.



THE GODDESS

Trainer of He-Man



REAL NAME Sharella **BIO** After the death of King Grayskull, the Power of the Universe was transferred from the Sword of He to the Council of Elders who hid it deep within Castle Grayskull. Knowing the full sword was the key to channeling this power, they split it in two to help prevent it from falling into the hands of evil. For five centuries they waited for a worthy heir to be born. During this time their spirit guide, the creature known as the Goddess of Eternia, trained heroic guardians to keep the two halves of the sword separated. Many of these brave warriors took the name He-Man in honor of the sword they protected — giving birth to many different legends concerning the prophesied protector of Eternia.

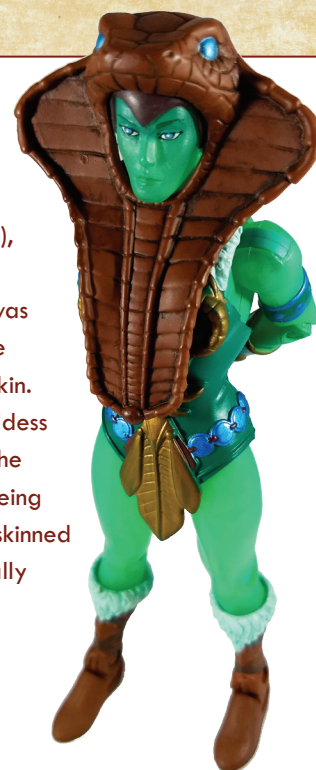


PAGE TO PLASTIC The

Goddess was first introduced in the mini-comic “He-Man and the Power Sword” (1982), where she was called the

Sorceress, and her skin color was

green (below); in subsequent appearances, she was called the Goddess and had Caucasian skin. In the vintage toyline, both Teela and the Goddess were represented by the same action figure, the only difference between the two characters being the cobra headdress. For MOTUC, the green-skinned Goddess was given her own action figure, finally paying homage to her debut appearance.



ACCESSORIES



WELL ARMED The

Goddess' lone new accessory was this spear. Its design was based on the spear carried by the Teela prototype figure in the vintage MOTU toyline. spear would be released again with Spinnerella in 2014 and with the Ultimate Teela figure in 2017.

MOTUC #018 • AFFILIATION Preternian Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• **ORIGINAL RELEASE** MattyCollector.com (December 15, 2009) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Bonus Figure

A HEAD OF THE REST Beneath the cobra headdress, the Goddess used the alternate head from the Teela figure, albeit with green skin.



ARMORY The Goddess came equipped with He-Man's armor, axe and shield (to recreate the mini-comic story where the Goddess gifted He-Man his armor and weapons after he saved her life).

SHIELD ME > The Goddess' final accessory was Teela's shield, which bore only very subtle paint differences from its original release.



< SHINE A LIGHT ON ME The exposed (non-clothed) parts of the figure were made from semi-translucent green plastic.



ALTERNATE VIEWS This figure was comprised completely of existing Teela parts. This made sense, as early in the vintage line, the Goddess and Teela were represented by the same action figure.

TRIVIA

The Goddess, like Zodak, was a bonus figure — a figure released during the same monthly sale as a regular figure that could be made using mostly existing parts.



The Goddess was the second figure (after Man-At-Arms) to include accessories intended for another figure: in this case, Oo-Larr.

The He-Man armor included here was a slightly lighter gray than the armor that came packaged with the original He-Man figure.

Movement of the figure's legs could easily cause the pelvic piece to break apart completely. Many collectors blamed this widespread problem on the figure's translucent plastic, thinking it was more brittle than the standard plastic, but it was actually a design flaw in the figure's leg and hip assembly.

Featured on the Goddess' cardback were He-Man, Scareglow, King Randor, Zodak and Webstor.



ADORA

Leader in the Great Rebellion



ACCESSORIES



REAL NAME Adora of the House of Randor **BIO** When Adora and her twin brother Adam were born, the Sorceress recognized that they were the twins prophesied to wield the Power of Grayskull. She magically cloned the Sword of He so that each twin could have a key to unlock the Power of Grayskull, further enhancing the cloned sword with the Stone of Protection. But Hordak also learned of the twins and arranged for his Eternian pupil Skeletor to abduct the infants. Man-At-Arms prevented Adam from being taken, but Adora was stolen away to the planet of Etheria deep in the Dimension of Despondos. There she was raised by Hordak until the day her brother found her, handing her the Sword of Protection which gave her the power to become She-Ra, the most powerful woman in the universe!



CARTOON CORNER For all her importance to the Masters of the Universe mythos, Adora never received a proper action figure of her own until Masters of the Universe Classics.

Children of the 1980s had to make do with simply unmasking their vintage She-Ra figure in order to have an Adora to play with. With no previous figure to base her design on, the MOTUC Adora figure was inspired heavily by her Filmation *She-Ra: Princess of Power* cartoon appearance. And with this release, Adora became the first MOTUC figure of a character who made their first-ever appearance in a Filmation cartoon.



MOTUC #019 • AFFILIATION The Great Rebellion • **SUBSCRIPTION** Club Eternia 2010 • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (January 15, 2010) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



WELL ARMED Adora's Sword of Protection was based on its design in the Filmation POP cartoon and could be stored on her back. A bio for the sword was revealed on He-Man.org on March 9, 2020.

BONUS ACCESSORY Adora's version of the Sword of Protection was cast in solid gray plastic (*far right*). The sword was later recast in two-tone gray (like He-Man's Power Sword) and released in Weapons Pak #2 (Great Wars Assortment) later in 2010 (*immediate right*). The She-Ra figure would also come with this sword, cast in two-tone gold.



GUNS OUT Adora came armed with a pistol which could be stored in the removable holster on her belt. The pistol and holster would be re-used for the Captain Glenn figure.

SWORD OF PROTECTION

Mystical Blade of She-Ra

Upon sensing that the twins of his prophecy were born on Eternia, Light Hope reached out across dimensions to the Sorceress with important instructions to create a new magical sword. She charged Man-At-Arms and Oo-Larr with bringing to her both halves of the Sword of He so that she could temporarily unite them and cast a spell to duplicate the blade in order to match its ability to conduct the energy of the Star Seed. To give the new sword its own power, the Sorceress embedded into it the Gem of Tiar-Ra, the mother stone of Crystal World, the Crystal Castle, and even the Crystal Chamber beneath Castle Grayskull itself. Although its fated owner Adora was abducted, the Sorceress sent the sword with her brother Adam to find her. In Adora's hands, the sword created a glittering shower that transformed her at last into She-Ra, protector of good in the universe and Princess of Power! Through the magic of the crystal, She-Ra's sword could change shape at She-Ra's command, and it gave She-Ra unique powers of telepathy and healing*.



* This bonus bio for the Sword of Protection helped to explain why She-Ra, thanks to the Gem of Tiar-Ra embedded in her sword, possessed unique capabilities in comparison to He-Man.

TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Adora's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "It was a dark day indeed for King Randor and Queen Marlena when their precious newborn daughter was abducted by the evil Hordak. Celebrate the return of the Princess of Power as she takes her rightful spot in your collection with the first-ever Princess Adora figure! Like all Masters of the Universe figures, Princess Adora is fully-articulated and sculpted with amazing detail by the Four Horsemen. She comes complete with: removable holster, Horde Force Captain blaster, and Sword of Protection."



2010 was the year that Mattel first offered a full-year subscription for its MOTUC line of figures. Adora was not only the first figure in the subscription, but she was also the first character from the She-Ra storyline to receive its own figure, thus officially bringing all Princess of Power characters under the general Masters of the Universe moniker.

Featured on Adora's cardback were King Randor, Scareglow, Webstor, Tri-Klops, and Man-At-Arms.



BATTLE ARMOR HE-MAN

Most Powerful Man in the Universe



REAL NAME Adam of the House of Randor **BIO** To adapt to new enemies and dangerous situations, Prince Adam learned to tap further into the great power which his sword unlocks. The combined Power of the Universe and the knowledge of the Elders is used by Adam to imagine and create new forms of armor and weapons to combat evil. His Battle Armor was created to protect him during his early battles with Skeletor and the Evil Warriors. Using the Power of Grayskull, He-Man — the Most Powerful Man in the Universe, is now shielded by his mighty Battle Armor!



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Battle Armor He-Man figure was released as part of the original toyline's third wave in 1984. The figure came equipped with a battle axe and Power Sword.



UPDATE In the vintage toyline, striking the chest of the Battle Armor He-Man figure would cause a mechanism in the figure's torso to flip, revealing a different chest plate with a slash (or two slashes) across it, giving the appearance of inflicted damage. The MOTUC version of the figure dropped the action feature in favor of three swappable chest plates that could be inserted by removing the armor and replacing the plate.



ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #020 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (January 15, 2010) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Quarterly Figure

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? The three swappable chest plates represented the armor as undamaged, with one slash, or with two slashes.



AN AXE TO GRIND While the vintage Battle Armor He-Man came with both a battle axe and a Power Sword, the MOTUC version of the figure only came with an axe. Mattel stated that the sword was cut for budgetary reasons.

HEADS WILL ROLL Fans who wished to more accurately recreate the look of the vintage Battle Armor He-Man could give him the alternate He-Man head that came with the Oo-Larr figure in 2015.



SAME AS The base figure for Battle Armor He-Man was identical to the original MOTUC He-Man figure, with the exception of the ab piece, which was replaced by Hordak's smooth lower torso to give the illusion that the armor continued down to the belt.

TRIVIA

In 2010, Mattel introduced the concept of Quarterly Figures in MOTUC. These figures, much like the "bonus" figures of 2009, were figures that could be made using mostly existing parts, and were not included as part of the 2010 Club Eternia subscription plan. Battle Armor He-Man was the first of these figures.



The following copy was written for Battle Armor He-Man's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "If you were lucky enough to have one of the original He-Man toys back in the '80s, then you remember that cool spinning wheel in his chest that showed various states of damage. Our all-new Battle Armor He-Man pays homage to that beloved feature with three interchangeable armor plates, each with varying degrees of dents! Always ready for a good fight, he comes complete with his trademark battle axe."

Mattel would later revisit the Battle Armor concept with Battle Armor Skeletor and Battle Armor Faker.

Featured on Battle Armor He-Man's cardback were King Randor, Teela, Man-At-Arms, Scareglow, and Webstor.



TRAP JAW

Evil and Armed for Combat



REAL NAME Kronis **BIO** An insane criminal from the dimension of Infinita, Kronis was one of several evil warriors freed from an intergalactic prison by Keldor to bolster his ranks during the start of the Great Unrest. After serving Keldor for years, Kronis grew ambitious and raised an army of his own to challenge his master. Now a powerful Overlord of Evil, Skeletor easily defeated Kronis — breaking his jaw and arm and leaving him for dead. Found and rebuilt by Tri-Klops, Kronis was transformed into Trap Jaw, a man armed with combat weapons and an “iron jaw”!

VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Trap Jaw figure was released as part of the original toyline’s second wave in 1983. The figure came equipped with a removable belt along with gun, hook, and claw attachments.



UPDATE From the loop on his helmet to his removable belt, the MOTUC version of Trap Jaw was a very faithful update to his vintage action figure. The only notable differences were the additional paint detailing, the removable black armor around his left shoulder, and the gory detail revealed when his mouth was opened.

ACCESSORIES



ALTERNATE VIEWS

Trap Jaw used the standard male torso and furry shorts. All of his other pieces were newly sculpted.



MOTUC #021 • AFFILIATION Evil Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** Club Eternia 2010 • **PRICE** \$20
• **ORIGINAL RELEASE** MattyCollector.com (February 16, 2010) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



WELL ARMED Just like his vintage predecessor, Trap Jaw came equipped with gun, claw, and hook attachments for his mechanical right arm.



HEADS WILL ROLL The concept of Kronis — Trap Jaw's original name and appearance before his fateful alteration with Skeletor — was introduced in the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series. To recreate this look, an alternate head and right arm were included with the figure. The official bio for Kronis ("Dreaded Space Pirate") can be found on page 592.



BONUS ACCESSORIES (PART ONE)

Roboto's claw, gun and axe attachments were cast in black plastic and included in Weapons Pak #2 (Great Wars Assortment) in 2010 for use with Trap Jaw.



BONUS ACCESSORIES (PART TWO) Hurricane Hordak's three spinning blade attachments were cast in black plastic and included in Weapons Pak #4 (End of Wars Assortment) in 2013 for use with Trap Jaw.



TRIVIA

The figure's jaw was articulated, but was not spring-loaded like the vintage figure's jaw.



Trap Jaw's gun, hook, and claw attachments would be cast in silver plastic and released in Weapons Pak #4 (End of Wars Assortment) in 2013 for use with Roboto.

Trap Jaw's right arm and three attachments were re-used with the Terroar figure in 2017.

Trap Jaw's right arm could also hold the attachments that came with the Horde Prime, Spikor, and Cy-Chop figures, although none of these attachments were in matching black.

A new Trap Jaw figure, sculpted after his design in the Filmation MOTU cartoon, was released as part of the Club Grayskull line in 2016.

The green-skinned mini-comic version of Trap Jaw was released in a three-pack exclusive to Power-Con in 2017. The other two figures in the pack were Stratos and Prince Adam.

Featured on Trap Jaw's cardback were Tri-Klops, Skeletor, Beast Man, Mer-Man, and Webstor.



BATTLE CAT

Fighting Tiger



REAL NAME Cringer **BIO** A member of the Green Tiger Tribe, Cringer was saved from a parek-narr attack by a young Prince Adam and afterwards became his devoted companion for life. He assisted Adam during his quest to unite both halves of the Power Sword of He and afterwards was enhanced by its power to become Battle Cat, the fighting tiger of He-Man. Cringer is one of only a handful of allies who knows Adam's secret and fights alongside the other Masters of the Universe, carrying He-Man into battle against the forces of evil.



VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Battle Cat figure was released as part of the original series' first wave in 1982. The figure came equipped with a removable helmet and saddle. Battle Cat was actually a repaint of a tiger figure from Mattel's Big Jim toyline in 1976.

UPDATE Unlike the vintage Battle Cat figure, which was completely static, the MOTUC version of the character featured plenty of articulation, including the jaw, abdomen, tail, two points in the neck, and three points in each leg.



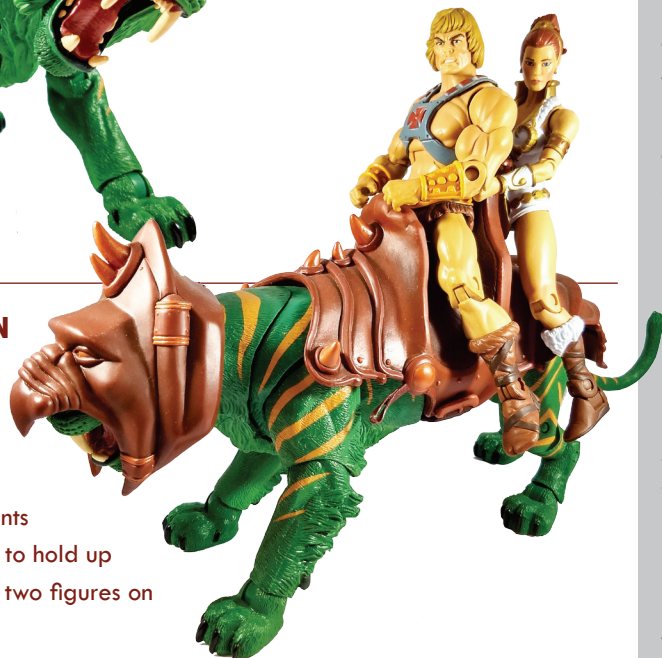
MOTUC #022 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$30
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (February 16, 2010) • **RELEASE TYPE** Boxed Beast



ALTERNATE VIEW Just like the vintage figure, Battle Cat's helmet and saddle were removable.

BEAST OF BURDEN

Battle Cat's saddle was, of course, designed to carry He-Man, and if desired, the cat's joints were strong enough to hold up under the weight of two figures on his back.



A NEW MILLENNIUM By giving Battle Cat the helmet, saddle, and claw armor from the Battle Lion figure (released in 2014), collectors could recreate Battle Cat's look from the 2002 MYP MOTU cartoon series and subsequent toyline.



TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Battle Cat's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "The first beast figure in the Masters of the Universe line, Battle Cat has been crafted so He-Man fits in the saddle (as will most other MOTU characters) and can securely ride his iconic green feline into battle! Sculpted in amazing detail, this fully-articulated figure comes with removable armor and helmet, and his saddle holds the Sword of Power."



Battle Cat was the first beast figure introduced into MOTUC. Many of his parts would later be re-used for the Panthor, Griffin, and Battle Lion figures.

Battle Cat was not included in the price of the 2010 Club Eternia subscription and therefore had to be purchased separately. He retailed for \$30 at a time when regular 6" figures in the line were priced at \$20.

There was a strap on either side of Battle Cat's saddle for carrying He-Man's sword (see picture opposite page).

A new package design was created for the Battle Cat figure. Similar packaging would be used for Panthor, Battle Lion and the Griffin.

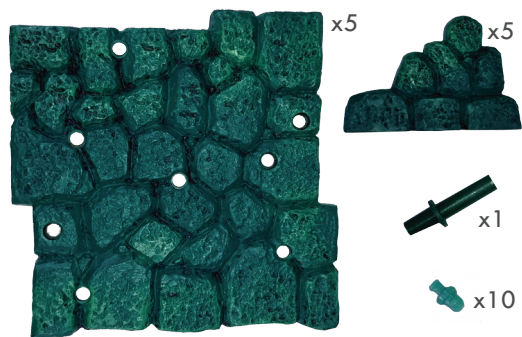
Cringer, Battle Cat's alter ego, was included with Queen Marlena / Captain Glenn in 2011.

Featured on Battle Cat's cardback were He-Man, Man-At-Arms, Teela, Stratos, Zodak, Skeletor, Beast Man, and Mer-Man.

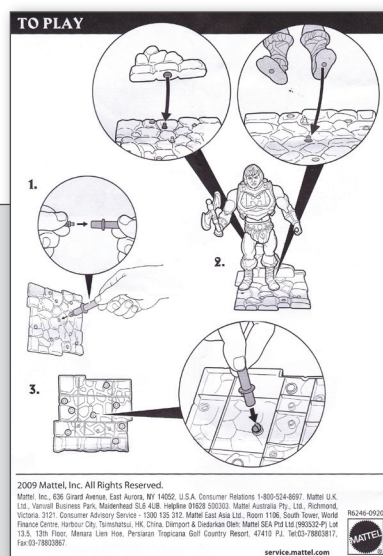


CASTLE GRAYSKULL STANDS

For 6" Figures



INTRODUCTION Castle Grayskull display stands were small, stone-like figure display stands that were packaged five to a box and retailed for \$12 each. They were not included as part of the 2010 subscription plan, but were instead made available for sale on February 16, 2010, along with Battle Cat and Trap Jaw.



PACKAGING The stands came packaged in a basic white box with minimal exterior graphics. Inside, the five stands and small side walls were packaged in separate baggies, with another baggie for the pegs and insertion tool. There was also an instruction sheet, although assembly was rather self-explanatory.

SCULPTING & PAINT

The bases and small side walls had a stony, jagged look reminiscent of the vintage Castle Grayskull playset. The base was about 4"x4", and the small side wall was 2" tall by 3" wide. Both pieces were subtly painted to give the overall appearance a dirty, slightly mossy look.



MOTUC #023 • AFFILIATION N/A • SUBSCRIPTION N/A • PRICE \$12

• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (February 16, 2010) • **RELEASE TYPE** Boxed Figure Stands

ASSEMBLY There were ten small pegs included, and a tool to insert them into the base. The base itself had seven holes — one to attach the small rock wall, and the other six to be used with the feet of a figure.

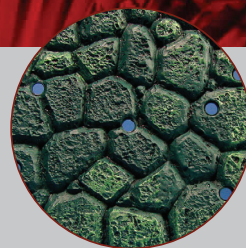
The fit on both the bottom of the foot and on the stand was tight, but the posts were not solid pieces. Instead, they were split so that they were easier to insert and then stay firmly in place.

The pegs were not really necessary to hold the small wall in place, as it stood quite well on its own. The pegs did help to keep figures standing in both vanilla and certain action poses.



TRIVIA

In 2012, Mattel released Snake Mountain Stands, which were identical in functionality to the Castle Grayskull Stands, but featured a new sculpt, with a motif of purple rock and red lava.



In November of 2013, Mattel released Grayskull Tiered Stands, which were larger, stackable stands that could accommodate up to three figures at a time and shipped three to a package.



DESIGN The bases could be placed together to create a wider “floor” for battle scenes.



DISPLAY The most obvious use of the stands was for display purposes, even though most MOTUC figure had no issue standing on their own.



MOSS MAN

Heroic Spy and Master of Camouflage



ACCESSORIES



REAL NAME Kreann'ot n'Horosh **BIO** Thought for many centuries to be a myth, the creature called "Moss Man" was, in fact, an ancient Eternian nature god and ally to King Grayskull. During the rise of Skeletor and the subsequent battles with the Snake Men and Horde invaders, Moss Man often joins forces with the Masters of the Universe, helping to protect freedom for all forms of life. He was instrumental in helping them win the Second Ultimate Battleground, using his powers over plant life and his "fur" of forest green to fool and frustrate his wicked foes.

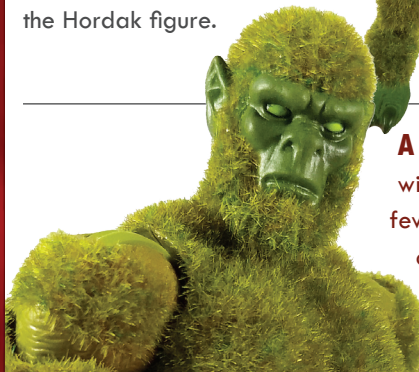
VINTAGE VAULT The vintage Moss Man figure was released as part of the original series' fourth wave 1985 and came equipped with a brown mace. The figure was also pine-scented, a feature Mattel carried over to the MOTUC update.



UPDATE The vintage Moss Man figure was simply a repaint of the existing Beast Man figure with added green flocking. The MOTUC Moss Man largely followed suit, utilizing only Beast Man parts with the exception of his furry loincloth, which came from the Hordak figure.



A HEAD OF THE REST Moss Man came with an alternate head sculpt that took a few design cues from his Filmation MOTU cartoon appearance, but was different enough to be considered new and unique to this figure.



MOTUC #024 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** Club Eternia 2010 • **PRICE** \$20
• ORIGINAL RELEASE MattyCollector.com (March 15, 2010) • **RELEASE TYPE** Carded Figure



JOIN THE CLUB The vintage Moss Man figure came with a club that was originally a Castle Grayskull weapon recast in brown plastic. For the MOTUC version, Moss Man's club was given an update, following the original design while adding a wooden texture and a wrap-around vine.

CARRY ON Moss Man's removable bandolier was designed to look as though it was made out of vines. Its detailing included a pouch and a scabbard that could hold the knife accessory. The figure's club could be hooked onto it as well.



CUTS LIKE A KNIFE

Moss Man's very primitive-looking knife was a newly-designed piece that was not based on any of the character's previous appearances.

CLOSE SHAVE Removing the figure's flocking revealed the furry Beast Man body sculpt underneath, molded in green plastic. Mattel advised collectors against getting the figure wet, as water would cause the flocking to come off.



TRIVIA

The following copy was written for Moss Man's sales page on MattyCollector.com: "Mother Nature has nothing on Moss Man, powerful lord over all that is green! This fully-articulated figure features amazing detail and comes complete with nature mace, removable vine sling with stone knife, and, of course, flocking and an evergreen scent guaranteed to take you back! (Collector Note: it is not the identical scent as the vintage toy, but we came as close as possible within today's manufacturing standards.) Moss Man also comes with an alternative 2002-inspired head designed by the Four Horsemen."



Mattel changed the flocking on Moss Man partway through production, resulting in two versions of Moss Man: one with flocking covering the ears, the other without.

A newly-designed wooden shield was planned as an accessory but was dropped before production.

Featured on Moss Man's cardback were Scareglow, the Goddess, King Grayskull, Beast Man, and Webstor.



HE-MAN vs SUPERMAN

Most Powerful Man in the Universe Man of Steel



REAL NAME Prince Adam of the House of Randor **BIO** A direct descendent of the legendary King Grayskull, Prince Adam of Eternia was chosen to protect his ancient ancestor's Power Sword from evil. Initially utilizing a techno-vest with a built-in force field to fight evil, Adam later learned to combine the two halves of the Power Sword, using it to channel the energy of the Elders to become He-Man — the most powerful man in the universe! Today he guards the safety of all Eternia alongside the other heroic Masters of the Universe.



BACKGROUND In 2010, Toys R Us released a series of four DC Universe vs. Masters of the Universe 2-packs. The first pack, Superman vs. He-Man, recreated their famous first meeting in DC Comics Presents #47.



FROM PAGE TO PLASTIC A reprint of DC Comics Presents #47 — “From Eternia with Death!” — which was first published in July of 1982, and no doubt served as the inspiration for this release, was included in this 2-pack.



ACCESSORIES



MOTUC #025 • AFFILIATION Heroic Warriors • **SUBSCRIPTION** N/A • **PRICE** \$29.99
• **ORIGINAL RELEASE** Toys R Us (Spring 2010) • **RELEASE TYPE** Figure 2-Pack

ARMED & DANGEROUS He-Man came with the same two-toned axe that was included with both his original and Battle Armor releases. His shield, however, was a repaint, featuring a silver finish and black rivets. This color scheme was not from the comic (he didn't carry a shield in DCCP #47), but was a nice change nonetheless.



UPDATES He-Man's paint scheme matched the look of the comic book, with brighter, higher-contrast colors. Most noteworthy were He-Man's matching yellow gauntlets, lighter gray harness, redder boots, and yellow hair.

REAL NAME Clark Kent **BIO** Rocketed to Earth from the doomed planet Krypton, the infant Kal-El was adopted by the kindly Kent Family of Smallville, Kansas. Young Clark Kent grew strong and powerful under the rays of Earth's yellow sun, developing a phenomenal array of super powers. In adulthood, Clark would use these abilities as Superman, championing the virtues of truth, justice and the American way while keeping secret his true identity as a reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper.



LEGENDARY CHAMPION HE-MAN

Beloved Hero of Eternia



The heroic feats of He-Man and his epic battles against Skeletor are well documented. Early adventures such as his quest for the talismans of Cosmos, Sea, and Sky, and his defeat of the Glorm are known throughout Eternia. The children of Eternos thrill to tales of He-Man's triumphs against the despotic Hordak and the fanatical King Hssss. On

Etheria, Bow still sings a ballad about "the honor of love" and the reunion of He-Man and She-Ra. And on faraway Primus, the people refer to the twins as "the Saviors." He-Man's exploits continued after he became king and joined his son Prince Dare in countering the anarchic Skeleteen. When He-Man's youth was restored following the rebirth of Castle Grayskull, he maintained his dual roles as king and protector of Eternia. Old and new friends alike came together, galvanized by He-Man's heroism. In the Dark Hemisphere, She-Ra also rose as a queen, and together with their allies, brother and sister led Eternia into a new age of enlightenment. But even in this time of glory, He-Man's forces continued to oppose an array of dire villainous threats.

TRIVIA

Three more 2-packs were released by Toys R Us in 2010: Skeletor/Lex Luthor, Stratos/Hawkman, and Mer-Man/Aquaman. 2011 would see the release of Battle Armor Faker/Bizarro, She-Ra/Supergirl, and Zodac/Green Lantern.



The Superman figure was identical to his release in DC Universe Classics in 2009.

An official bio for this version of He-Man, dubbed "Legendary Champion He-Man — Beloved Hero of Eternia," was revealed on He-Man.org on November 18, 2019.



The back of the packaging (above) featured artwork and bios for both characters. He-Man's bio was identical to his single-carded release from earlier in the MOTUC line. Note that He-Man's artwork depicted him in his Battle Armor.

